

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claims 1 to 33 (Canceled).

34. (Currently amended) A multiple catheter assembly, comprising:

a first flexible catheter having a first distal end region implantable into and along vasculature of a patient, and having a first proximal end region joined by a first intermediate section to the first distal end region;

a second flexible catheter having a second distal end region implantable into and along vasculature of a patient, and having a second proximal end region joined by a second intermediate section to the second distal end region;

first and second extension tube assemblies having first and second distal end portions respectively associated with the first and second proximal end regions of the first and second catheters; and

an initially separate hub member dimensioned and configured ~~adapted~~ to be releasably attachable by a practitioner directly to and around the first and second proximal end regions of the first and second catheters distally of the proximal ends thereof, after ~~catheter~~ implantation of the first and second distal end regions of the catheter and subcutaneous tunneling of the first and second proximal end regions of the catheter and at a site selected by the practitioner along coextending, separated lengths of the first and second proximal end regions spaced from the proximal ends thereof, such that portions of the proximal end regions of the first and second catheters extend through the hub member and

proximally beyond the proximal end of the hub member through respective exits and spaced apart from each other, to be connected to respective ones of the first and second extension tube assemblies, and [[with]] other portions of the proximal end regions of the first and second catheters co-extend distally from the hub member separately from but adjacent to each other.

35. (Previously presented) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 34, wherein the cross-sectional shapes of the first and second proximal end regions is circular, and the cross-sectional shapes of the first and second distal end portions of the first and second extension tubes is circular.

36. (Previously presented) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 35, wherein the cross-sectional shapes of the first and second intermediate sections of the first and second catheters is semicircular, and the first and second catheters have transition sections between the first and second proximal end regions and the first and second intermediate sections.

37. (Previously presented) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 36, wherein the first and second intermediate sections of the first and second catheters are splittably joined to each other.

38. (Previously presented) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 37, wherein the first and second intermediate sections of the first and second catheters are splittably joined to each other by adhesive.

39. (New) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 34, wherein the hub is attachable to the first and second catheters from beside them, and removable from around the first and second catheters the catheters, while the catheter distal end portions are implanted in a patient.

40. (New) The multiple catheter assembly of claim 34, wherein the hub is longitudinally translatable along the catheters after being attached thereto.